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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Donald L. Wolfe
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**BOARD AGENDA ITEM NOS. 67, 80, AND 97, DECEMBER 14, 2004
ORDINANCE AMENDING COUNTY CODE RELATING TO RECYCLING AND REUSE
OF CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS AND
CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Items Nos. 67, 80, and 97 are related Board agenda items. Item No. 67 is contingent on Items No. 80 and 97 and should be held until those Items are adopted by your Board.

Item No. 67 will authorize a contract to educate the building industry on the requirements of the Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling and Reuse Ordinance and the County's construction and demolition debris recycling specifications for County projects.

Item No. 80 is to consider the Negative Declaration previously adopted by the Board on November 4, 1993, for the Los Angeles County Source Reduction and Recycling Element and Household Hazardous Waste Element and find that there is no substantial evidence that adoption of the proposed Ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment.

Item No. 97 is to introduce, waive reading, and place on Agenda for adoption of an Ordinance to amend County Code to require construction and demolition permit applicants for projects in unincorporated areas to recycle construction and demolition debris generated by their projects. The County has been unable to demonstrate to the State's satisfaction the County's mathematical compliance with the State's Year 2000 disposal reduction mandate of 50 percent. Consequently, Public Works, on behalf of the County, applied for and was awarded by the State a Time Extension through

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December 31, 2004, for meeting the 50 percent goal. The Time Extension requires the adoption of a Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling and Reuse Ordinance as one of the actions the County is to take. Therefore, adoption of the proposed Ordinance is imperative to meeting the requirements of the Time Extension granted by the State and will result in a significant decrease in the amount of waste sent to the County's landfills, thus preserving valuable landfill capacity.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Shari Afshari, Assistant Deputy Director, Environmental Programs Division, at (626) 458-3500.

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